

BIDS SOUGHT FOR ABANDONED MINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The first of several anticipated construction contracts for abandoned mine related reclamation work in Cottonwood Wash will be available for bid August 27, 2001. A cooperative effort of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining; Manti LaSal National Forest; Monticello Bureau of Land Management; and Utah Division of Water Quality has resulted in plans to clean up problems caused by past mining activity in Cottonwood Wash, 10 miles west of Blanding.

More than three years of planning will ensure archeological resources will be protected and that any potential environmental impacts will be minimized. Physical safety hazards, such as open mine portals, will be sealed and mine waste dumps will be removed from the streambed to improve water quality.

“This project is the culmination of many months of work,” said Mark Mesch, Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program administrator. “We’ve strived to include local needs and wishes and I certainly hope that local firms will bid on these construction contracts as they come out.” A total of seven contracts will be let over the next year and a half.

All bidders need to hold a Utah General Contractor’s license. Bid documents and Specifications for Work will be available on August 27 at the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City. For contractor requirements or bidding questions contact the Utah Division of Purchasing at www.purchasing.state.ut.us or by calling 801-538-3026.

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